

# Andrea Norris and Stacie Alboum Speak at AFCEA Health IT Summit

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On Jan. 29, 2019, CIT Director and NIH Chief Information Officer Andrea Norris and CIT Deputy Director Stacie Alboum spoke at AFCEA Bethesda's annual [Health IT Summit](#). More than 1,000 senior executives and IT professionals from the government and industry attended to learn how digital tools and practices can support and advance better health outcomes.

Norris participated in the "Delivering More Value through Health IT" panel, which focused on chief experience officers (CXOs), their thoughts around IT innovations that their organizations implement, and how to thoughtfully address the effects of products and services on existing IT policies.

Norris's remarks centered around what she called the three P's: policies, programs, and partnerships. She discussed how NIH researchers share data and collaborate across different ICs, and she highlighted such programs as [iCare-AD/ADRD Challenge](#) (created to encourage tech-based solutions for delivering healthcare to those with Alzheimer's and other dementia-related diseases). In addition, she discussed the STRIDES Initiative and NIH's data-science strategic plan.

In the "Modernization of HHS Eco-System for Effective Cross-Collaboration" session, which featured panelists from across the Department of Health and Human Services, Alboum spoke about CIT's focus on providing NIH researchers with resources such as [high-performance computing](#) and [unified communication and collaboration services](#) that help ensure NIH researchers can work together effectively and efficiently.

These resources have benefited the [BRAIN Initiative](#) and the [All of Us Research Program](#), among other NIH efforts. She further emphasized that modernization is not the end state for NIH. NIH is now focused on stabilizing and optimizing the tools and services it provides to researchers to meet research needs and serve the agency's mission.